

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LASER MACHINING OF ELECTROACTIVE CERAMICS

the specification of which (I authorize Choate, Hall & Stewart to check one of the following, three choices, and fill in the blanks, if applicable):

_____ is attached hereto

was filed on March 8, 1999 as Application
Serial No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable).

_____ was filed as PCT international application No. _____,
on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19
on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledged the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s): Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year/Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(filing date)	(status-patented, pending, abandoned)
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PCT Applications designating the United States:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application.

Provisional Application(s):

Application Number	Filed	Status
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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Date: 5/21/99

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Applicant: Masters, *et al.*

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Art Unit:

Filing Date: January 8, 2002

Title: LASER MACHINING OF ELECTROACTIVE CERAMICS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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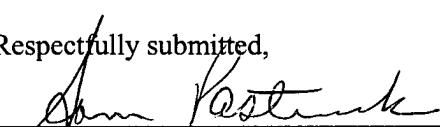
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Applicant: Masters, *et al.*
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Filed: March 8, 1999
For: LASER MACHINING OF ELECTROACTIVE CERAMICS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified

below:

NAME OF CONCERN: Midé Technology Corporation
ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 56 Rogers Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For the purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full time, part time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when, either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract of law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention titled:

TITLE: Laser Machining of Electroactive Ceramics
by:
INVENTOR(S): Brett P. Masters, John P. Rodgers and Marthinus C. van Schoor

described in:

the specification filed herewith

(X) U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/264,113

filed March 8, 1999

() U.S. Patent Number _____
issued _____

If the rights of the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor(s), who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention, averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

() INDIVIDUAL () SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN () NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

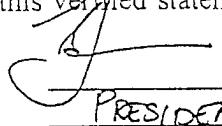
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: _____

TITLE IN ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Marthinus van Schoor
PRESIDENT
Midé Technology Corporation
56 Rogers Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

DATE: 5/21/99

A S S I G N M E N T

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned **Brett P. Masters, John P. Rodgers and Marthinus C. van Schoor**, hereby

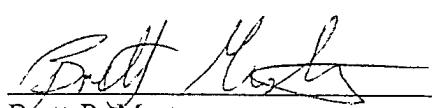
Sell, assign and transfer to the **Midé Technology Corporation**, having a place of business at **56 Rogers Street, Cambridge, MA 02139**, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the **ASSIGNEE**, our entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all inventions which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent filed **March 8, 1999**, Serial No. **09/264,113** entitled "**LASER MACHINING OF ELECTROACTIVE CERAMICS**" and in and to our rights in said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said inventions including the right to apply for patent rights in each foreign country and all rights to priority.

Agree that said **ASSIGNEE** may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said inventions in its own name; and when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said **ASSIGNEE**, agree to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment by executing all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said inventions, by executing all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, by communicating to said **ASSIGNEE** all facts known to us relating to said inventions and the history thereof, and generally by doing everything possible which said **ASSIGNEE** shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said inventions and for vesting title to said inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said inventions, in said **ASSIGNEE**.

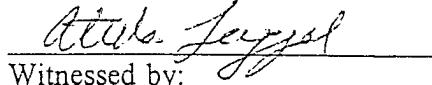
Hereby request the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said **ASSIGNEE**.

Covenant with said **ASSIGNEE** that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting our rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

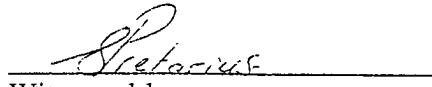
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